

Dwelling, 11635 Farm Drive
CH-660
Dentsville
Private

1935

Constructed in 1935, the dwelling at 11635 Farm Drive is a vernacular example of the Craftsmen-style bungalow that was a popular form of architecture for tenant families and farm managers in Charles County during the 1930s and 40s. The dwelling is associated with 150 acres known as Apple Grove which by the early 20th century had been acquired by Matthew M. and Matilda Hancock. Eventually this was passed on to their son H. Stanley Hancock and his wife H. Ester Hancock. In 1950 the Hancock heirs sold the property to Ridgely D. and Ruth Cooksey who occupy the home today. In 1975 the Cookseys sold the land to a development corporation. Today the home is part of the Hudson Ridge subdivision and surrounded by large contemporary dwellings on three acre lots.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-660

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Dwelling, 11635 Farm Drive
other

2. Location

street and number 11635 Farm Drive not for publication
city, town Dentsville X vicinity
county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ridgely D. Cooksey et al
street and number 11635 Farm Drive telephone 301-934-8336
city, town LaPlata state MD zip code 20646

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 56 p.4
city, town LaPlata liber 1250 folio 419

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The dwelling at 11635 Farm Drive is a vernacular Craftsmen-style bungalow standing conspicuously on a three acre lot in a modern subdivision. Facing north, it has a front gable orientation, and is 1 1/2 stories in height with large dormers on either side. The dwelling has a concrete block foundation and is clad in vinyl siding. Asphalt shingles cover the roof which is pierced by two interior corbelled capped chimneys. Three large dormers are found on the structure. The windows have been replaced throughout.

The façade or north elevation includes a three bay screened hipped roof porch defined by a concrete block skirt and brick piers supporting the posts. The second story includes a single 6/6 light that is centered under the apex. Moving clockwise, the east elevation includes an offset door covered by a single bay, front gable entrance porch which is supported by wooden turned posts. This 4-light and panel door appears to be original as does the rear door discussed below. To the left of the door are two 6/6 first floor windows while to the right, opposite the door, is a single 6/6 light. Directly above the entrance is a large gabled dormer containing two closely spaced windows. The rear elevation includes a second story centered window above an enclosed shed addition containing irregular fenestration. Finally, the west elevation has three offset windows on the first floor below two large dormers containing a single window each.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1935	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1935		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Constructed around 1935, the dwelling at 11635 Farm Drive is of interest as an example of a vernacular dwelling commonly constructed throughout Charles County during the 1930s and 40s. Built as a tenant or farm managers house, the dwelling is associated with 150 acres known as Apple Grove which by the early 20th century had been acquired by Matthew M. and Matilda Hancock and eventually passed onto their son H. Stanley Hancock and his wife H. Ester Hancock. In 1950 the Hancock heirs sold the property to Ridgely D and Ruth Cooksey, who occupy the home today. In 1975 the Cookseys sold the land to a development corporation, and today the home is surrounded by large contemporary dwellings on three acre lots.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3.31

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name Popes Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling at 11635 Farm Drive is now associated with the Hudson Ridge subdivision Plat 43/225. Charles County Property Tax Map 56, Grid 10, Parcel 4, Lot 31.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town LaPlata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

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name of property
Charles County, MD
county and state

Chain of Title:

August 3, 1939

Mathilda L. Hancock to H. Ester Hancock. Her share in "Apple Grove" 153 acres plus farming equipment.
70:607

August 28, 1950

Hiers of Matilda L. Hancock to Ridgely D. and Ruth Cooksey. 150 acres \$12,350
92:201

December 23, 1975

Ridgely D. and Ruth V. Cooksey to R.D.G. Farms, Inc.
1) 68 acres by deed from Carlton W. Cooksey 155:366
2) 159.59 acres by deed from F. DeSales Mudd 92:201
419:122

October 15, 1987

R.D.G. Farms, Inc. to Leslie E. Morris and Jill T. Morris.
\$337,890.
1st 68 acres
2nd 156 acres west side of state road
Save and excepting ...
"The grantees herein granting unto Ridgely D. Cooksey and Ruth V. Cooksey the lifetime right to reside in the present house on said property...
1250:419

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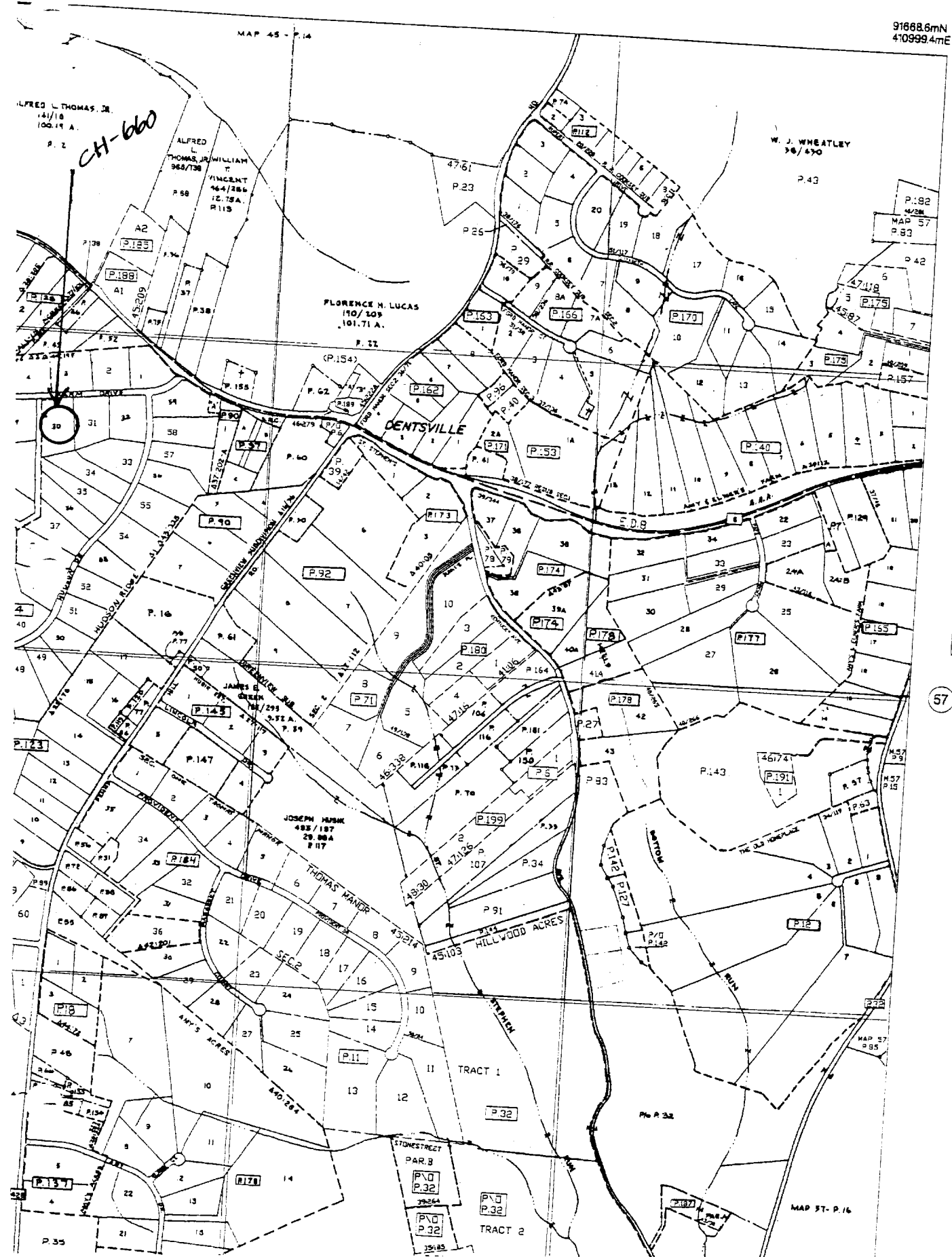
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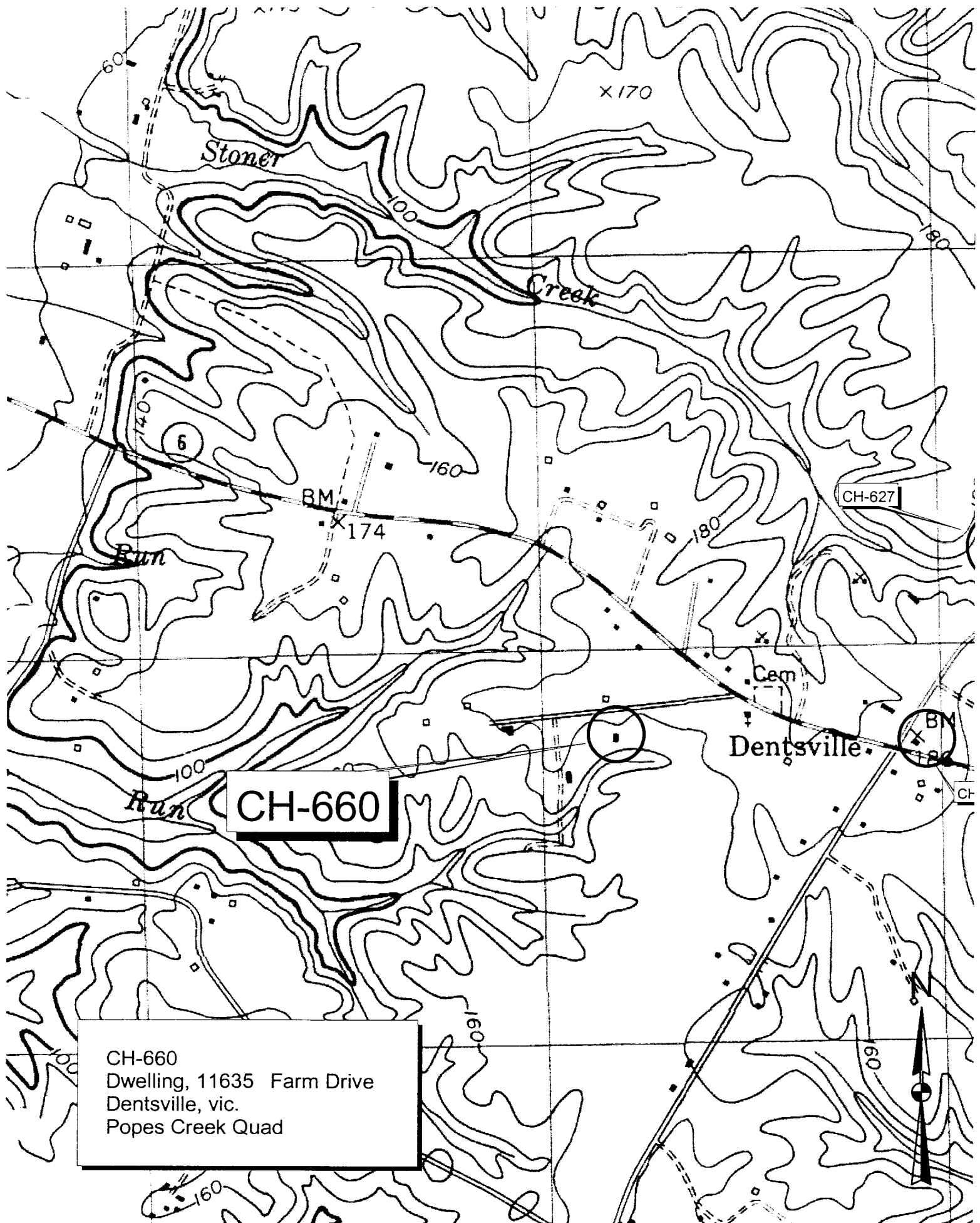
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CHARLES COUNTY PROPERTY TAX MAP 2000. #56







CH-12A
DWELLING, 11635 FARM DRIVE
DENTSVILLE,
2/2001
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